## The Opening Jubilee.

Arise, O Muse, get in the game; Arise and kick in with a song: Slip us the anthem of acclaim From voices thirty thousand strong: Come, help us hit the metric cup. Responsive to the thrills that wait. Where old Ed Plank is warming up As Cobb advances to the plate.

Arise, O Muse, as Homer did For bush-league Troy and Hector's full; Come on, tear in and lift the lid From old Doc Winter's barren pall: Come, blow us to a virile strain Of three-base hits and double plays. Of Johnson's speed and Matty's brain And other well known lesser jays.

Sing us, well say, a song that rings Like Baker's double over third; The roaring note as Evers swings Through mid-air like a flying bird; The crashing bat, the thudding mitt, The broading hush before the din. and then-the cadence of the hit As Speaker drives the runner in.

Sing us the frenzy of the shout, And then-the hush that follows where The sacks are full and two are out With Honus Wagner waiting there: The hush that grips, with hands clenched tight, White faces set and heart beats still-And then-a gray streak into right As helders chase the hurtling pill.

Come on, old Top, and swat the lyre. Smash it across the right field fence. Il here those who hear may never tire But say, "This stuff is Great-Immense!"-And in the swirling hit or miss Fear off an anthem for a ride Hose melody is sweet as this-WOW! Slide, you bonchead busher, s-l-i-d-e!"

John J. McDermott, the greatest golfer ever developed n America, is now in an asylum. The paths of glory do not always lead to rosebeds of rest.

## The Boston Peril.

A year ago at this date two Boston clubs were picked to lead their circuits and give the Citadel of Culture an

Boston will at least take part in another world series, even if she doesn't gobble the entire show.

great perplexity. The pitcher facing Detroit in a tough More than 100 Will Strive pinch can pass Ty Cobb with nobody out Bob Veach and for Individual Honors

### The Welsh Controversy.

Sir: Suppose Freddie Welsh decides to hold the lightweight championship indefinitely by refusing to meet any keen competition for gymnastic titles good man in a twenty-round match by holding out for in the annual championship tourney of rule of the boxing game to bar such a contingency, and at the New York Turn Verein, Eighty-Welsh has already shown that he isn't going to take any fifth Street and Lexington Avenue, next stalling for the greater part of two years now in ten- minority, but in the present meeting round no-decision bouts that is, taking no risk whatever, the athletic club performers will be op-And the humor of it is that many people will still pay posed by many champions from the inwhen there are at least two lightweights who could knock club members follow this sport more him out in twenty rounds-Benny Leonard and Charlie are expected to make a clean-up of the RINGSIDE. individual titles. Entries of gymnasts

As long as the American box-fight loving public continues to support Mr. Welsh in his Take-No-Sort-of-Chance attitude there isn't very much to be done about it beyond emitting an occasional useless squawk.

100 Yards in 5 1-5 Seconds.

Of all the arts of self-defence that guard against the fall,

The greyhound, in the essence, has the surest one of all.

### Pot Shots.

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"It is all in the game." they say, but most of it was put there when nobody was looking.

The Error Column just as often shows where a player wasn't afraid to take a chance.

Vague rumors of the Gotch-Stecher match continue to drift in, but the Big Splurge will be suppressed until the occasion develops a pinker ripeness. In the meanwhile Gotch isn't getting very much younger.

The tip that Walter Johnson is slowing up is back with us again, but we know at least three or four slabmen who

MANY GYMNASTS

IN MET. TOURNEY

Next Wednesday.

Spectators will see some especially

from this state, New Jersey and Con-

The Ferocious and Formidable Frederick is to make his debut with Al Reich, the Manhattan Adonis, who has lost leaves and decisive ones, to make popular champions. Otherwise, the unpopular champions of the street, and decisive ones, to make popular champions. Otherwise, the unpopular ones are climinated only by age or by the infrequent "lucky punch."

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Lawn Tennis for Beginners

Selecting a Racket, Clothes, Etc.

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Good work requires good tools, and the mastery of any sport requires the aid of implements that will help the player, not hamper him. With cheap "composition" balls the billiard player cannot execute many of the difficult shots of that game; with poor golf clubs much of the chance to make fine strokes disappears, and in lawn tennisit is the same thing. With "dead" balls and nets that sag in the centre one cannot expect to enjoy the game properly.

Hu the most important of the implements of tennis is the racket, and too much care cannot be used in selecting one, even for the novice who is just learning to play the strokes. It is like throwing one's money away to buy the cheap rackets made for children which is not real "catgett" at all, but a manufactured substitute for the real article, lacks elasticity and will not hold its "life" long.

Bo not select too heavy a racket, either. For a beginner 13½ ounces is generally best, although small boys and women can often use one of 13 ounces too heavy. Before it is bought the new racket should be tested to see if it is well balanced, and a simple test for one who is not expert is to balance the racket across the first finger of the left hand. (See illustration.) The finger should reat about the middle of the triangular throat piece, if the racket is well balanced, and generally between the two screws that go through from the side to strengthen the frame. If the head sinks quickly when it rests on the finger here the racket is probably top-heavy, and will be hard to swing, while, on the contrary, if the handle sinks fast at this racket is probably top-heavy, and will be hard to swing, while, on the con-trary, if the handle sinks fast at this balance, the racket will probably lack

Note the shirt, with loose, soft collar and short (not rolled-up) sleeves; flannel trousers, belted through many straps and well turned up at the bottom; also soft canvas rubber-soled slippers that are pliable to the feet and light to carry. (This picture shows the end of a backhand drive, which will be described later on in this series.) driving power.

For those who have had more experience in handling tennis rackets a better method for testing the balance is to take the racket under considera-

is to take the racket under consideration by the extreme end, holding it as though about to make a stroke.

Rackets vary a good deal in balance, and it is more than likely that another of the same weight, may be found satisfactory. Look out that the head is not too light, however, for the racket that seems easiest to swing is often not the best, for a light-headed racket will not give as much power in the ground strokes as one that is balanced higher lienderson was a Duesenberg proteging and won his gasolene spurs under his light-header and light-header and won his gasolene spurs under his light-header and light-heade

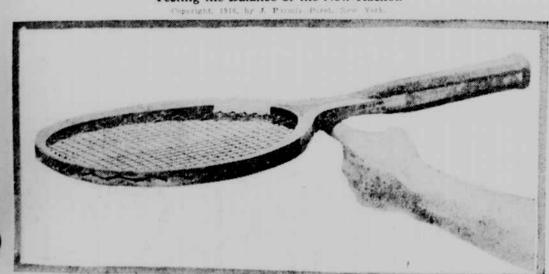
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Runner-Up to Resta in Last Year's Speedway Race Enters Again.

By W. O. M'CEEHAN

The handle of the new racket should not be too large. Expert players occalled the form us to become melan- who are not heroes in public life. Wil-stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher believes he has a comer stonally prefer large handles, but for Rickenbacher belie

## Testing the Balance of the New Racket.



A well balanced racket should balance evenly over the finger at a point below the "throat" or "splice." If the balancing point is down nearer the end the racket will lack the driving power, and if higher up it is likely to be "topheavy" and hard to swing quickly, particularly for volleying at the net.

# Heard at the Sign Of the Cauliflower

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The Right Kind of Clothes to Wear.

Correct Size for the Racket Handle. opyright, 1916, by J. Parmly Paret, New York

In testing a racket for the size of the handle the playing hand should be wrapped tightly around its extreme end as shown in this illustration and it should be discarded if the thumb will not overlap the middle finger at least an inch. For a hand wearing a No. 8 glove the handle should not be larger than 5½ to 5½ inches in circumference, which can be easily measured with a string wrapped around the handle and then spread along a ruler.

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While there is no targe amount of glamour stlached to the same of the modern champion of the Stadium A. C. tells us, will deposit \$5,000 with the Boxing Commission, to be paid over to Fulton for the Reich bout. Since when has the august Boxing Commission decided to act in place of Bob Vernon and the other well known stakeholder?

In conclusion, Mr. Mack sheds a few tears over the rapacity of William Gibson, who, he declares, asks \$10,000 to send Coffey into the ring with Fulton. But a syndicate backed by such sterling financiers as Tammany Young will hard by hesitate over a pairty sum like 10,000 bones.

Phil Bloom, the Tanglefoeted Brooklyn lightweight, will conclude his training work to-day at Stratford, Conn., which is not to be confounded with Stratford on Avon. Philip tackles Johnny Dundee, the Scotchwop, at the Broadway Sporting Club on Tuesday evening.

John Pythageras Dunn, the boy orator of the Flatubah, says that the encounter will certainly make ring history; also, that it will be fast and furious from the tap of the gong. It will probably he historic, as marking the twenty-third time that Bloom has fallen over his own feet.

But there are lots of ideal parents

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